

We have before us a rare window of opportunity to help preserve both peace and freedom—and the former depends much on the latter—and ensure that it extends well into the twenty first century. Just as the eighteenth-century constitutions opened a new epoch, the fall of totalitarianism in Europe offers a similar prospect today. But many a great battle in history had been ultimately lost due to a lack of follow up by the victors to ensure a durable success. I strongly believe that this is such a moment requiring a follow up in the form of providing NATO security to ensure the durability of the democratic revolutions of 1989. Only United States has the power and authority today to lead towards this goal. I am particularly pleased that this cause has found much bipartisan support in the United States Congress. It gives me much faith and hope that the liberty for which so many have struggled for so long will be given the protection and opportunity it merits.

I wish to thank you once again for your kind invitation and for your inestimable support now as in the past.

IN HONOR OF DAVID AND ESTHER SMITH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David and Esther Smith, two of the most active, vibrant, and progressive activists ever to hit our neighborhoods and New York Democratic affairs. I am proud to announce that David and Esther Smith are being honored tonight at the annual dinner of the Chelsea Reform Democratic Club.

For three decades David has been part of the cooperative movement. He has served as president of Penn South Co-op for more than 20 years. His services, however, goes beyond Penn South. He has reached out to help other cooperatives and has strengthened the entire U.S. cooperative movement through his incredible volunteer efforts. One of his most gratifying experiences was spearheading the successful campaign to keep Penn South a viable middle-income cooperative. From the age of 18, David has devoted his life to the promotion of human rights and to progressive causes.

Meanwhile, Esther has been a force in Democratic politics. She served on the Democratic State Committee for more than 20 years, and was the chair of the reform caucus for 8 years. Presently Esther is a member of the Democratic National Committee. As a community activist, Esther served on Community Board No. 5 for 6 years on its housing and human services committee. All her life she has been a civil rights activist and a vocal and active proponent of the progressive principles of the Democratic Party. Esther is never afraid to speak out on issues she believes in, regardless of their popularity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in honor of David and Esther Smith, who deserve great praise for their many years of service to the city of New York.

IN MEMORY OF ANTOINETTE M. GRENCO

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take a few moments to recognize and honor a native western New Yorker, Antoinette M. Genco, who passed away on April 18, 1996. Ms. Genco, a devoted mother and active member in her church, was a tireless advocate for the city of Buffalo, NY, and for the West Side neighborhood in which she lived.

Professionally, Antoinette was an internal auditor at the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency, helping in its efforts to improve the city and the lives of city residents. But Ms. Genco was much more than what she did on weekdays. She was a member of the board of the West Side Business and Taxpayers' Association, the Niagara District Leadership Club, and the West Side Civic Association as well as numerous block clubs and community development groups. She was also a member of the Holy Cross Church Parish Council and a well regarded religious instructor at Holy Cross Church.

Antoinette Genco's family and friends have lost someone they loved very deeply. And the Buffalo community has lost an advocate for the people who worked hard to improve everyone's lot. But we will not forget the admirable work that Antoinette accomplished. She touched the lives of many persons in western New York, and we in her community are grateful for her help in making our community a stronger and more vibrant place to live.

COVER ORAL PROSTATE CANCER DRUGS UNDER MEDICARE

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, prostate cancer has become increasingly visible as a disease of great concern to men across this country. This Father's Day weekend while we show our appreciation for our fathers, we need to focus again on the serious problem of prostate cancer that will strike nearly 1 out of every fathers in America.

Father's Day should be a time to celebrate some of the major advances in detection and treatment of prostate cancer. Within the last decade, we have seen a significant improvement in early detection of the disease, with widespread use of the PSA blood test. Early treatment has also advanced considerably—with new surgical techniques and a variety of nonsurgical techniques that can increase survival and reduce side effects for prostate cancer patients.

For patients whose cancer is detected in more advanced stages, there are advances in hormonal treatment to extend the length of time they can enjoy a productive life, free from symptoms. This involves the incorporation of oral antiandrogens in hormonal treatment to improve the effectiveness of the hormonal therapy. This relatively new approach is known as complete hormonal therapy because

it completely blocks the hormones that cause prostate cancer tumors to grow.

The good news is that this advance in hormonal treatment is having an effect for those who can take advantage of it. The bad news is that many men do not benefit from the complete therapy because the important oral drugs that are part of the therapy are not covered under Medicare, and nearly 80 percent of the men with prostate cancer rely on Medicare. Ironically, Congress acted just a few years ago to cover oral cancer drugs under Medicare, but a number of oral cancer drugs were left off the list. These prostate cancer drugs were some of the ones left off.

Father's Day gives us the opportunity to focus again on the serious problem of prostate cancer. What is it we need to do to renew the attack and push for further advances against this disease? One of the most important and yet simplest accomplishments we can have in the short term is to cover oral prostate cancer drugs under Medicare. At a minimum, older men should have access to the treatments we know can work. This is the least we can do for fathers across America.

TERRORISTS FUNDRAISING IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with my colleagues a very disturbing article that ran in the April 8, 1996, edition of the Dallas Morning News.

I have made fighting terrorism a focal point of my work as ranking member of the Crime Subcommittee. I find it terrifying that in this country groups actively raise money to support terrorist groups under the guise of nonprofit organizations. This article plainly demonstrates the critical need in the United States for tough fundraising provisions like those found in the terrorism bill signed by the President in April. I urge my colleagues to read this article in the Dallas Morning News. These groups aren't not-for-profit, they are for terrorism, and they must be stopped.

[From the Dallas Morning News, Apr. 8, 1996]
PAPER TRAIL LEADS TO HAMAS; TWO ORGANIZATIONS BASED IN RICHARDSON DENY THEY PROMOTE AGENDA OF ANTI-ISRAELI TERRORISTS

(By Gayle Reaves and Steve McGonigle)

Inside a Kansas City auditorium in 1989, a masked man stepped to a lectern and described in Arabic the "oceans of blood" spilled in Hamas' armed attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians.

He thanked two nonprofit organizations for being early allies:

The Islamic Association for Palestine, sponsor of the conference, and the Occupied Land Fund.

Seven years later, Hamas is again threatening Middle East peace with a series of suicide bombings. The Occupied Land Fund has become the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. That group and the IAP, both now based in Richardson, are under attack for allegedly aiding Hamas.

Leaders of the local groups denied affiliation with Hamas.

Sharing a stage with Hamas speakers doesn't mean they approve of Hamas terrorism or provide support for it, they say.